[Mr. R. Krishna Pillai.]

Discussion of the Report of the Kallar Committee by the Legislative Council.

76. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to give an assurance that they will not take any action on the Kallar Committee's report before the Council has had an opportunity of discussing the report and expressing its opinion thereon?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is not possible to make any statement at this stage.

Kallar Scheme.

77. MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): (i) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the report submitted by the Committee appointed to re-examine the Kallar Hydro-Electric Scheme under the presidency of Dr. Kunjan Pillai?

(ii) Will the Government be pleased to afford an opportunity to this Council to discuss the above report and consider the terms which Government propose to offer or have already offered to Messrs. Alfred Dickinson & Co., in the light of this report?

(iii) Has any agreement been arrived at or offer made by or to the Madras Government regarding the utilisation of the Kallar water proposed to be diverted to the Madura District in connection with the Kallar Scheme and regarding the rate at which payment will be made by that Government therefor? If so, will the Government be pleased to furnish the particulars thereof?

(iv) In view of the intense popular feeling in the matter, will the Government be pleased to allow this Council an opportunity of discussing the entire question of the Kallar Scheme before entering into final agreement with the Madras Government or any Company?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (i) to (iv) The member is referred to the answer to question No. 75.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state *why* it is not possible to make any statement on this subject? The answer referred to, *viz.*, that to question No. 75 is that it is not possible to make any statement at this stage.

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Because the matter is under correspondence between the Travancore Government and the Madras Government.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyttinkara*): Has any reply been received in regard to the rate to be paid for the water.

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am not prepared to say.

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